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AMENDMENT AND REPLY

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Dear Commissioner:

In reply to the Office Action mailed on October 21, 2008, of which this Reply is filed within the three (3) month shortened statutory period for reply, please consider the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.